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SUBJ: US-JAPAN SHIPPING MEETING OCTOBER 17-18, 1973

SUMMARY: DURING DISCUSSION OCTOBER 23, INUI (DIRECTOR, OVERSEAS DIV, SHIPPING BUREAU, MOT) TOLD EMBOFF JAPANESE SIDE WAS GENERALLY SATISFIED WITH RESULTS OF SAN CLEMENTE MEETING. END SUMMARY.

1. INUI SAID ONLY MAJOR DISAPPOINTING FEATURE OF TALKS FROM STANDPOINT OF TRANSPORT MINISTRY (MOT) WAS FACT THAT FEDERAL MARITIME COMMISSION (FMC) STILL APPARENTLY NOT PREPARED TO GIVE LONG-TERM APPROVAL TO JAPAN-US EAST COAST SPACE CHARTER ARRANGEMENT. ACCORDING TO INUI, MOT UNDERSTANDS FMC PROBABLY WILL APPROVE ARRANGEMENT FOR ADDITIONAL 120 DAYS FROM OCTOBER 29 WHEN CURRENT TEMPORARY APPROVAL EXPIRES. MOT ALSO UNDERSTANDS FMC WILL LATER CONSIDER APPROVING ARRANGEMENT FOR BALANCE OF FIVE YEAR TERM (I.E. FIVE YEARS FROM DATE OF ORIGINAL TEMPORARY APPROVAL) IF COMMISSION SATISFIED THAT JAPAN IS MAKING SATISFACTORY PROGRESS TOWARDS ELIMINATING SHIPPING MALPRACTICES AND IMPLEMENTATION OF DUAL RATE SYSTEM.

2. INUI SAID MOT EXERTING BEST EFFORTS ON FOREGOING ISSUES. HE MENTIONED THAT MOT HAD ALREADY WARNED JAPANESE SHIPPING LINES

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ABOUT MALPRACTICES AND HAD PROPOSED THAT MAJOR LINES ADOPT A

FREIGHT POOLING ARRANGEMENT AS ONE MEANS OF AVOIDING MAL-  
PRACTICES. HE ADDED THAT MRS. BENTLEY HAD SUGGESTED COMPREHEN-  
SIVE SELF POLICING SYSTEM FOR PACIFIC CONFERENCES ALONG LINES  
OF SYSTEM ADOPTED BY NORTH ATLANTIC CONFERENCES, BUT HE SAID  
MOT WAS SOMEWHAT SKEPTICAL OF PRACTICABILITY OF THIS PROPOSAL  
SINCE THERE ARE MORE THAN TWENTY CONFERENCES IN PACIFIC  
TRADE COMPARED WITH ONLY SEVEN IN ATLANTIC. ON QUESTION OF  
DUAL RATE SYSTEM, INUI SAID IT IS MOT'S VIEW THAT IMPLEMEN-  
TATION WILL HAVE TO BE RESOLVED ESSENTIALLY ON QTE COMMERCIAL  
BASIS UNQTE IN CONSULTATIONS BETWEEN CONFERENCES AND COUNCIL  
OF ALL JAPAN EXPORTERS ASSOCIATIONS.

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